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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN MESSAGE TO SADAT RE ISRAELI

DESIRE FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS

1. VP MUBARAK TELEPHONED THIS MORNING. HE SAID PRESIDENT SADAT WANTS PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE SECRETARY TO KNOW THAT, FOLLOWING DAYAN'S RECENT TRIP TO ROMANIA, CEAUSESCU HAD SENT AN "EMISSARY" TO BRIEF SADAT. THE GIST OF THE ROMANIAN BRIEFING WAS THAT DAYAN DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT ANY AMERICAN MEDIATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. INSTEAD, DAYAN WANTS DIRECT CONTACT. DAYAN HAD SAID ISRAEL IS READY TO WORK OUT A SATISFACTORY DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND SETTLE OUTSTANDING ISSUES. "EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE" AND ALL ISSUES CAN BE SETTLED WITHOUT AMERICAN MEDIATION. DAYAN WAS ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH SADAT. THE ROMANIAN "EMISSARY" HAD MADE THIS POINT TWO OR THREE TIMES TO SADAT.

2. SADAT, ACCORDING TO MUBARAK, TOLD THE ROMANIAN "EMISSARY" THAT HE CANNOT DO THIS NOW. HE WOULD WAIT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS AFTER CEAUSESCU'S RETURN FROM HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. AFTER CEAUSESCU'S RETURN, GOE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM. SADAT INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT SECRET

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A DIRECT MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND DAYAN IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIS NSC, BUT THOUGHT THE MOST HE CAN DO IS TO AGREE THAT FONMIN KAMEL MEETS WITH DAYAN SECRETLY IN SOME OTHER COUNTRY. CEAUSESCU COULD ARRANGE THIS.

3. SADAT WANTED PRESIDENT CARTER TO KNOW THAT IF ANYTHING

DEVELOPS FROM THIS INITIATIVE, HE WILL NOT DO ANYTHING UNLESS IT IS FULLY COORDINATED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. SADAT KNEW THE ISRAELI OBJECTIVE IS TO GET THE UNITED STATES OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT HE DID NOT SEE HOW THIS WAS IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES FEASIBLE.

- 4. ASKED WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING NEW ON A WEIZMAN VISIT, MUBARAK SAID GOE HAS HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE ISRAELIS ON THIS.
- 5. REQUEST DEPT DETERMINE WHETHER THIS MESSAGE SHOULD ALSO BE REPEATED TO BUCHAREST. EILTS

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